

A
DECLARATION
FROM THE
NOBILITY
OF THE KINGDOME OF
SCOTLAND

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Behalfe of all the Commoners of that Nation;
Wherein is declared their most Loyall Resolution, con-
cerning (their Dread Sovereigne) the Kings most
Excellent Majesty.

Together with their Desires to both Houses of
PARLIAMENT, touching the preservation of His Maje-
sties Royall Person, and restoring of Him to His
just Rights and Priviledges.

Whereunto is annexed,

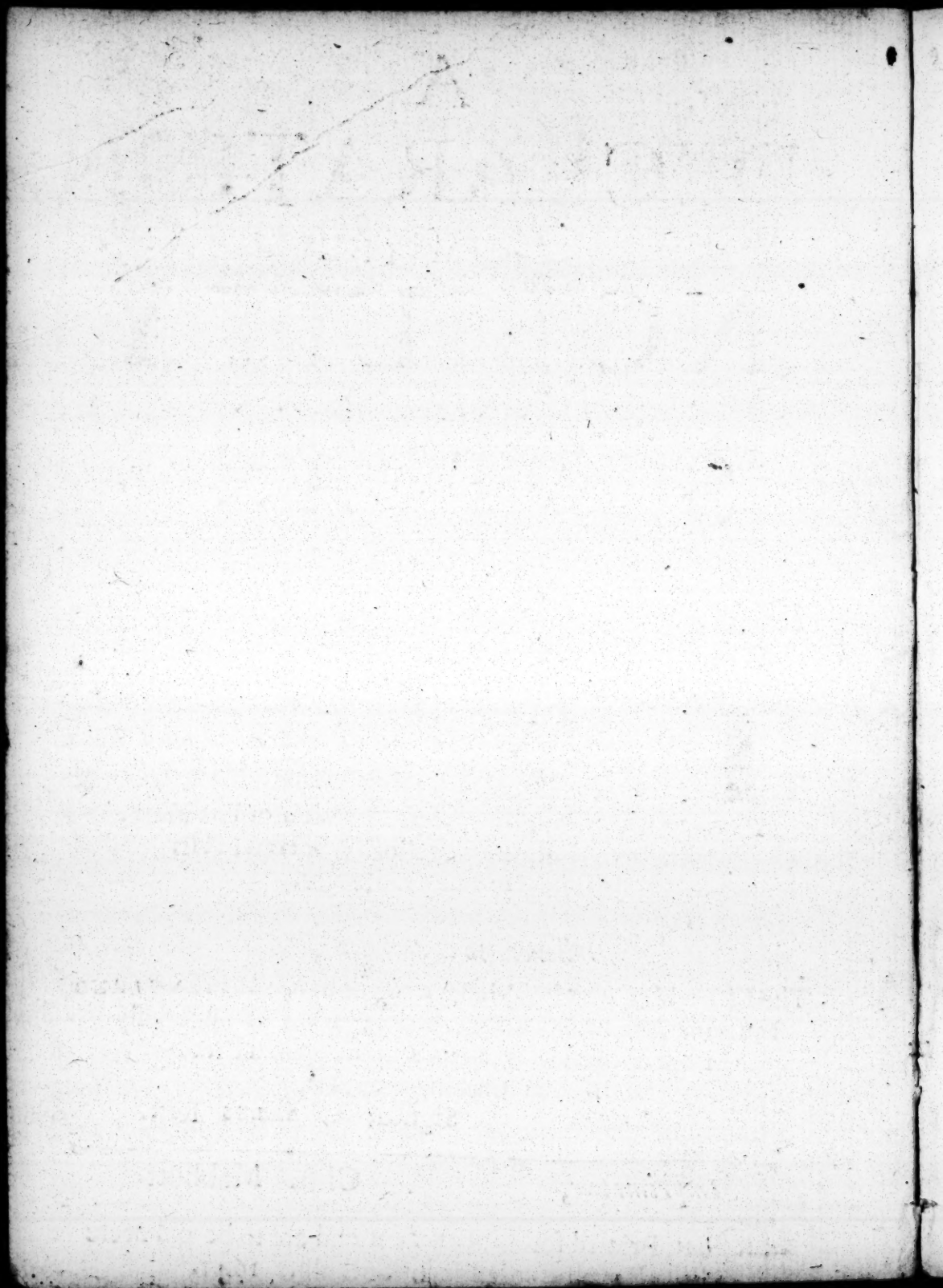
The Kings Majesties last Message, to His Subjects of ENGLAND
touching the immediate proceedings of the Army, briefly
intimating His Gracious Resolution and Prote-
station touching the same.

Signed, CHARLES REX.

Imprimatur,

Gilb. Mabbott.

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*A Declaration from the Nobility of the Kingdome
of Scotland, concerning the preservation of
the Kings Majesties Royall Person.*

THE Kingdome of Scotland finding that their stability and happinesse doth so much depend upon the safety and preservation of his Maiesties Royall person; And being resolved, that no alteration of affaires shall ever separate them from that duty and allegiance they owe unto him, nor from their constant Resolution to live in all loyalty and obedience under his Government, have often shewne their earnest desires, and contributed their utmost endeavours, towards the composure of these unhappy differences.

And the Houses of Parliament having by their Votes of the 26. of October last intimated unto us their resolutions to apply themselves to his Maiesty, and that they are preparing Propositions to be tendered to Him.

We do desire that they may be expedited, and communicated to us; that according to our many engagements, and relations, there may be still a conjunction of Counsels in those things; that are for the common peace and joynt interests of both Kingdomes.

And for the better inserting of them, and clearing His Maiesties doubts, and for the giving and receiving mutuall satisfaction: We do desire (in the name of the Kingdom of Scotland) that there may be a speedy and personall treaty with his Maiesty, as the best and readiest meanes to obtain the joynt Desires of both Kingdomes.

These we conceive to be the most probable and effectuall meanes for attaining an happy peace, settling of Religion, restoring his Maiesty to his just Rights, and continuing and strengthening a good understanding betwixt these kingdomes, which are most earnestly desired by the Kingdome of Scotland.

By the appointment of the Commissioners from the Kingdome of Scotland.

**Lowden,
Lauderdaill,
Charles Erskin,
Hugh Keunedy,
Robert Burclay,**



*The Kings Majesties Protestation to his Subjects
of England, concerning the late proceedings of
the Army touching his Royall Person.*

Liberty being that which in all times hath been, but especially now, is the common Thame, and desire of all men. Common reason shewes that Kings lesse then any should indure captivity, and yet I call God and the world to witnesse, with what patience I have endured a tedious restraint, which so long as I had any hopes that this sort of my sufferings might conduce to the Peace of my Kingdome, or the hindering of more effusion of bloud; I did willingly undergoe: Bus now finding by too certain proofes, that this my continued patience would not only turn to my personall ruine, but likewise be of much more prejudice than furtherance to the publique good.

I thought I was bound, as well by naturall as political obligations to seek my safetp; by retiring my self for some time from the pnblique view, both of my friends and enemins. And I appeale to all indifferent men, to judge if I have not just cause to face my selfe from the hands of those who change their principles with their condition; and who are not ashamed openly to intend the destru ction of the Nobility, by taking away
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way their negative voice, and with whom the Ievellers doctrine is rather countenanced then punished.

And as for their intentions to my person, their changing and putting more strict guards upon me, with the discharging most of all those servants of mine, who formerly they willing admitted to wait upon me, doth sufficiently declare: Nor would I have this my retirement mis-interpreted, for I shall earnestly and incessantly endeavour the settling of a safe and well-grounded peace, where ever I am, or shall be; And that, as much as may be, without the effusion of more Christian blood, for which how many times have I desired, prest to be heard, and yet no care given to me.

And can any reasonable men think that according to the ordinary course of affaires, there can be a settled peace without it; or that God will bless those who refuse to heare their own King, surely not?

Nay I must further adde, That besides what concerns my selfe, unlesse all other chief interests have not only an hearing, but likewise just satisfaction given unto them, to wit, the Presbyterians, Independents, Army, those who have adhered to me, even the Scots) I say there cannot (I speak not of miracles, it being of my opinion, a sinfull presumption, in such cases to expect or trust to them) be a safe or lasting peace.

Now as I cannot deny but that my personall security is the urgent cause of this my retirement, so I take God to witnesse that the publique peace is no lesse before

fore mine eyes; And I can find no better way to expresse this my profession (I know not what a wiser man may doe) then by desiring and urging, that all chiefe interests may be heaad, to the end each may haue just satisfaction.

As for example; *The Army: for the rest; though necessary, yet I suppose are not difficult to conient, ought, in my judgement, to enjoy the liberty of their Consciencs, have an Act of Oblivion, or Indempnity, which should extend to all the rest of my Subjects, And that all their Ar-reares should be speedily and duely paid, which I will undertake to doe, so I may be heard, And that I be not hindered from using such lawfull and honest meanes, as I shall choose.*

To conclude, let me be heard with freedome, honour, and safety, and I shall instantly break through this cloud of retirement, and shew my self really to be Pater Patriæ.

CHARLES REX.

For the Speaker of the Lords, pro tempore, to be communicated to the Lords and Commons in the Parliament of England at Westminster, and the Commissioners of the Parliament of Scotland: And to all my other Subjects of what degree or calling soever.

CHARLES REX.

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THis day, being the fifteenth of this instant moneth, the generall Rantzvonne began at *Ware*, and the rest of the townes adjacent, where was a great appearance, both of Officers and Souldiers; the Generall is to bee there in person, and (as its said) hath much to declare unto the souldiery, concerning the present affaires of the Kingdome, and a speedy composure of all differences, &c.

The dissenting party of the Army that first revolted from the Generall, are increased to a great number, and have entred into a mutuall Engagement each with other; which Engagement, each Officer and Souldier, throughout the respective Regiments in the Army, weareth a Copy thereof in their hats, with this Motto prefixed thereon, *Englands Freedome, Souldiers Rights.*

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